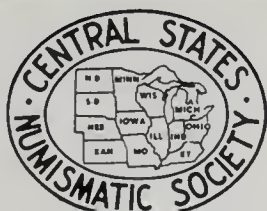


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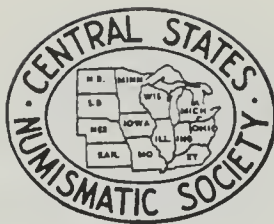
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Presidential Commentary

Marjorie Hendershott

I can't believe it's that time again, the time for Board and Officer nominations. It seems like such a short while ago that I took this office. Believe me, it is an experience. As with anything in life, it has had its high and low points. However, I wouldn't have missed the experience for anything. Now it is your turn to become involved again in the nomination and election process.

I want to remind everyone that this issue of *The Centinel* contains the Call for Nominations required in our By-Laws. Our spring election will be here before we know it and this is the time to nominate individuals you feel would be qualified to hold office and guide the affairs of your organization for the two years beginning with our Minneapolis convention in April, 1992.

The Presidency, First and Second Vice-Presidencies, Secretary-Treasurership and all 13 Governorships will be contested. Any member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing for any of the above offices, with the exception of the Presidency. The office of President may be sought only by a current or past officer or Governor.

I've remarked before that nominating qualified candidates for office is one of the most important contributions our members can make to the continuing vitality of Central States Numismatic Society. Only an involved membership will keep CSNS strong and vigorous and now is the time for you to make a direct contribution to our future.

No person on the Board is automatically reelected. So, if you like what has been happening to your organization — good! Re-nominate these people. If you are dissatisfied, this is your opportunity to select and elect new representatives.

It doesn't seem possible that the two years of my presidency are approaching an end, but they are. In Minneapolis I'll pass the gavel to my successor, and I will have the privilege of sitting on the Board for the next term as Past President. It has been an honor to serve you and I'll look forward to helping make our Minneapolis Convention one to remember.

Recently, I was invited to sit in on a post-convention committee meeting in St. Louis. These people sure have the right idea. I don't know if other clubs have done this, but I really enjoyed it. The committee heads had met on a regular basis during the previous year and this last meeting was held to evaluate the convention as well as being a vehicle for the committee to reflect on the different aspects of the show. Their suggestions and comments will be duly noted and perhaps incorporated into our convention manual. We can all take advantage of the learning experience.

As I write this message to you, I am looking forward to our next "Meet" in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It seems strange it will all be past by the time this *Centinel* is in your hands. As with all publications, there seems to be a really long lapse between writing and reading.

While we are looking ahead and as time seems to be rushing by all of us, it's not too early to be also thinking about our 1992 Spring Convention in Minneapolis. The people there have already spent a lot of time and effort in assuring us and all attendees and participants of a really top-notch numismatic event, continuing in the CSNS tradition of super conventions. Mark your calendar.

Remember to send your nominees to the Secretary. The deadline is listed elsewhere in this issue.

Marjorie Hendershott, President

A Message from the Secretary

Robert "Bob" E. Douglas



It is one week before ANA as I sit to write this message. I must prepare for the CSNS membership table at ANA, a day at Iola for the usual Krause Publication hospitality, plus the remainder of the week to visit in Wisconsin with a high school friend of Marilyn's (haven't seen since then) and family in LaCrosse. Then must finalize all loose ends for the CSNS convention in Ft. Wayne, September 13-15, 1991, followed by a trip along the Blue Ridge Parkway between the Smoky Mountain National Park and the Shenandoah National Park.

Time seems to go faster than ever since I retired. Summer has passed and the camper is still winterized from the fall of '89. I did find time for a week in Canada, where the fish still bite on occasion. No large ones — just good eating size. Marilyn decided to retire, the week after my

Canadian trip. These next two months are for the conventions, plus additional travel following them. It will be a fun time.

I have not received any responses to our invitation for bids from professional convention planners for the 1993 Rosemont (Chicago) convention! I hope that this is only because *The Centinel* has just arrived (as I write this message). The Board feels this may be a very efficient method of convention operation.

Don't forget to make long term plans for the April 30 through May 3, 1992 spring convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dick Grinolds has the convention details well planned and nearly in place. See the convention advertisement elsewhere in *The Centinel* for details. Due to unforeseen problems, we may not have an auction at the Minneapolis convention. It seems that some auctioneers feel the three-day convention is not conducive for an auction. I am open to suggestions to solve this problem.

Thanks to the many people who read *The Centinel* from cover to cover. I've located several members I had lost present addresses for — this sure helps me out. I hate to lose track of a member for the lack of a current address. I know it is very easy to forget to notify CSNS when you move!

It is also time to remind those of you that have membership cards showing "Paid to 3-1-91" that your dues are well past due! How about converting to a Life membership? An investment of \$100 will surely bring you a lifetime of pleasure with your many numismatic friends. How about paying two or more years in advance to make it easier to take care of this for awhile. I will accept \$10, \$15, \$20 or more as advance payment. Of course, there is no problem with the annual fee of \$5.00.

It is also time for you to think about whom you want to have represent you on the CSNS board. An invitation for nominations for officers and board members appears elsewhere in this issue. Has the time come for you to run?

See you at a convention!

Robert (Bob) E. Douglas, Secretary
Phone 319/364-0706, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Future CSNS Conventions

- 1992 — April 30-May 3.....Minneapolis, Minnesota
Dick Grinolds, P.O. Box 18002, Minneapolis, MN 55418
- 1992 — September 18-20Cincinnati, Ohio
Paul Padgett, 716 W. Wyoming Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45215
- 1993 — May 21-23Chicago, Illinois
- 1994 — April 7-10Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1995 — April 27-30.....Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Call For Nominations

Article III, Section 5, of the By-Laws of Central States Numismatic Society provides that the President shall make a call for nominations of Officers in the Fall issue of *The Centinel*. All nominations must be made in writing and must be made by a regular or life member in good standing of the Society. Such nominations should be sent only to the Secretary of the Society, Robert E. Douglas, 58 Devonwood Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Any member in good standing may seek election to any office except that of President, which must be filled by a member who has served previously as an officer or governor. The President may not be a candidate for re-election to that office or governor. The President may not be a candidate for re-election to that office and no member may nominate himself or herself. All nominations should be submitted no later than November 25, 1991.

A report of nominations will be made in the Winter, 1991-1992 issue of *The Centinel* and will include biographies of those members who accept nomination.

The Central States Numismatic Society has become one of the foremost numismatic organizations in the country only through the dedicated efforts of members who have been willing to work on behalf of and contribute to the Society. One meaningful way in which a member can render service to the Society is by holding office on the Board of Governors. I urge every member to consider and nominate those whom they feel would be well qualified to serve and guide your Society over the next two years.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 5, of the By-Laws of the Central States Numismatic Society, I hereby make an official call for nominations.

Marjorie Hendershott
President

Membership Applications

The persons names below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

REGULAR AND JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

J6395	Jon Tabor	Hartford City, Indiana
J6396	James E. Savage	Muncie, Indiana
J6397	Mindy Scroggins	Muncie, Indiana
R6398	Russell J. Larimore	Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota
R6400	Jennifer Holdren	Indianapolis, Indiana
R6401	David Engle	Indianapolis, Indiana
R6402	John R. Eshbach	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
R6403	Marcus J. Daly II	Webster Groves, Missouri
R6404	Kathleen G. Daly	Webster Groves, Missouri
R6405	Will County Coin Club	New Lenox, Illinois
R6406	Pete Smith	Minneapolis, Minnesota
R6407	Mike W. Lytal	Fort Wayne, Indiana
R6408	Ray G. Saylor	Muncie, Indiana
R6409	Charles N. Habermehl	Ludington, Michigan
R6410	Susie Crane	White Lake, Michigan
R6411	Gerald L. Kochel	Lititz, Pennsylvania
R6412	Peter C. Reske	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
R6413	Brian R. Engle	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

LIFE MEMBERS

L516	W.K. Ziebler	Bolingbrook, Illinois
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CSNS HONOR ROLL

The following members have attained continuous CSNS membership for the number of years shown during the period September 1991 through November 1991.

35 YEARS

L067	Robert C. Eckardt	Tampa, Florida
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30 YEARS

R1313	Grosse Pointe Numismatic Society	Grosse Point, Michigan
L100	Charles P. Atkins	Centraillia, Missouri

25 YEARS

R1921	Albert F. Wilson	Logan, Ohio
R1931	Donald A. Richter	Lake Villa, Illinois

20 YEARS

L133	Kurt R. Krueger	Iola, Wisconsin
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DECEASED MEMBERS

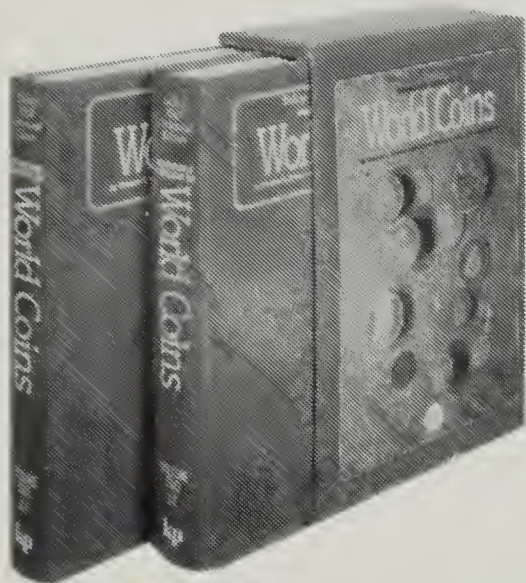
The Board and membership of the Society join in extending our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following members, who passed away recently.

R2489	Joseph A. Janose	Kansas City, Missouri
R4259	Carroll Santy	Littleton, New Hampshire
L178	Paul Stoner	Pendleton, Indiana

LOST MEMBERS

Can you help the Secretary find them?		
Rick Costello	Wrentham, Massachusetts	
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2. An extensive section on patterns, trial strikes, pieforts, essais, pretender coinage and provos. This area has been completely overhauled, and is now complete with current market values.
3. Commercial token issues from Australia and New Zealand, now listed for the first time ever, plus additional major historic token issues worldwide, including the classic of the token series, the Keeling-Cocos Islands metal, ivory and plastic tokens.
4. Continued expansion of the coinage issues for Africa and the Mid-East under the Ottoman Empire.
5. Coin-like medallic issues, such as the Dukats series of Czechoslovakia are now a part of the *Deluxe Edition*.
6. Descriptions depicted on modern world coinage have been added. Likewise, more detail to identify many famous people and politicians is also a part of this expanded edition.

Plus, this collectible in its own right, brings world coin collectors all the benefits that have made the annual *Standard Catalog of World Coins* the hobby's most comprehensive and reliable value guide for nearly twenty years.

Collectors will find — alphabetical listings for coins, complete with a encyclopedia-style index; vital market valuations, derived from hundreds of major auctions, advertisements and dealer price lists, worldwide; more than 60,000 life-size photos;

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This all-new two-volume set has been produced in a limited quantity, specifically for collectors in the world coin arena.

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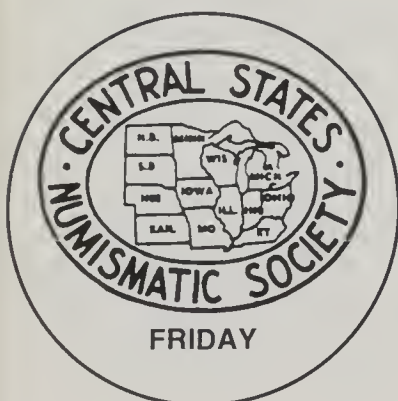
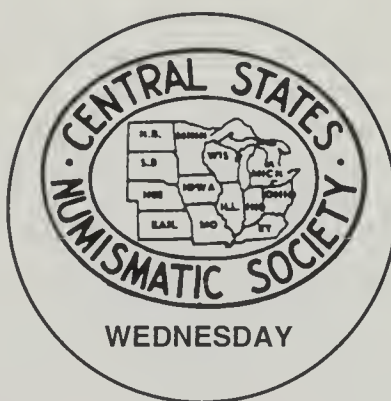
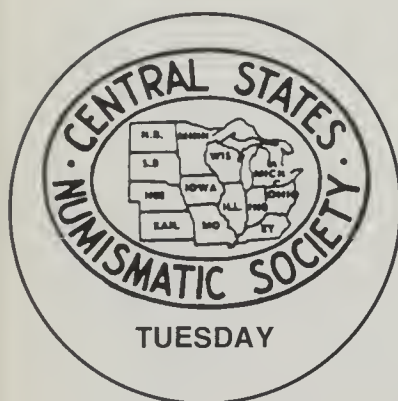
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Issues Plastic Tokens



A series of plastic tokens was issued by CSNS to commemorate the American Numismatic Association's Centennial Convention.

Each token is good for 100 cents off a CSNS life membership. A different dated and colored token was given away free to collectors each day of the convention. Only 100 pieces of the Sunday token were made and were sold in sets with the other five pieces for \$4.00.



Discover World Coin Collecting: A Primer for Beginners

Doug Andrews

Think back to when you first started collecting coins. Remember how much **fun** it was? Perhaps your first endeavors involved searching through change or a few rolls of pennies from the bank, and if you were like many, your collection sooner or later ended up in holes of little dark blue cardboard folders, which a dealer sold you for less than a dollar.

Getting Started

This scenario — possibly with a few variations — may have applied to you, but either way, we all tend to ask ourselves occasionally, "Is this the way I collect **still** for fun?" If the answer to that question is no, or even if you are not sure, you owe it to yourself to explore a new frontier — the enjoyment in developing an interesting collection of world coins.

A beginner in world collecting can be either a person new to numismatics, or a seasoned veteran who has concentrated on other areas, and the following observations apply equally to both, regardless of their budget.

There are generally three methods of collecting foreign coinage, but before each is examined, it is useful to know just how extensive the selection really is. One widely-consulted reference book which comprehensively lists the coins on the basis of political divisions from "Afghanistan to Zimbabwe" reveals that since 1730 there have been almost four hundred coin-issuing autonomous nations and overseas territories, comprised of over 80,000 individual coins.

The apparent enormity of these figures should not intimidate you because very, very few collectors ever attempt to amass anything close to that, preferring rather to devote their efforts almost exclusively to their specific tastes.

World Coin Collecting Methods

Type collecting literally involves one specimen of each kind of coin issued, distinguished by denomination, design, metallic composition, size, and weight. Thus, some countries have minted fewer than half a dozen different coin types, while other have issued dozens, and in a few cases even hundreds, of distinct types. Any change in even one of the criteria mentioned above qualifies the new coin as a different "type." Since only one specimen per type is sought, expensive individual rarities within the type are not required, allowing for the assembly of a large and fairly complete collection at modest cost.

The second method is series collecting, in which every coin of a particular series is included. Series collecting may appeal to the person who wants an **intensive**, rather than **extensive** collection, since it involves seeking out every mintmark and variety in the series regardless of price or rarity, and matching wits with catalogers.

Using a well-known example to compare type and series sets, a type "collection" of early Lincoln cents would consist of only **one** piece representative of the lengthy interval from 1909 to 1958, while a series set would include coins bearing each mintmark for every year they were struck. The series approach may work if you intend to concentrate on one or two countries but, as we will see, it would prove a daunting — if not almost impossible — task to accomplish for the A to Z collector, and one which would likely require a lifetime of effort.

The last major method is theme, or topical collecting. You may desire to confine your efforts to a subject which you find of particular interest, quite often for non-numismatic reasons. In this way you exercise selectivity, and have control over what you decide to collect, without feeling compelled by a need for completeness to purchase every new issue which comes along, if you judge that you already own a better-looking zebra or crocus on another coin, for example.

The list of such themes is almost endless, but some of the most popular one include —

Animals	Unusual denominations
Birds	Different metals
Flowers	Odd shapes
Ships	Issues in year of collector's birth
Coats of arms	Columbus and other explorers

Ten Tips on Building a Better World Collection

Now that you have convinced yourself of the appeal of foreign coins and to build an interesting and desirable collection according to your individual tastes, you are ready to get started, right? Well, not quite. Here are ten tips to consider when buying your coins.

1. Decide what you want to collect and stick to it. With the almost endless opportunities offered by world coin collecting, it is not difficult to become sidetracked. In the long run, however, your interest will be sustained if you devote your energies to that particular field. It is much easier to remain motivated if you are collecting coins with trains depicted on them than if you are a series collector of every country from "A" to "Z."
2. "Buy the book before the coin" is a truism you have probably heard before, but nowhere is it truer than with foreign coins. Since most new world collectors desire to explore the subject first in a general way, a good start is to obtain a copy of either *The Standard Catalog of World Coins* edited by Colin R. Bruce, or *A Catalog of Modern World Coins* written by R.S. Yeoman. From that point on, whether you are interested in the coins of Egypt, or many themes, chances are that you should be able to search out a book, or at least an article, on that topic.

Book dealers frequently attend coin shows. To stay informed about new issues which may interest you, there are two major newspapers published on a weekly and bi-weekly basis catering to world collectors, and the ANA's *Numismatist*, as well as the fine bulletins of many regional and state numismatic organizations which will help.
3. Start small initially, even if you have big ideas. Half the fun of foreign collecting is learning as you go along, so avoid rushing your purchases.
4. Develop a flexible system to list the items in your collection, as well as those you seek, and avoid trying to buy from memory. In addition to a brief description of the coin, purchasing uncertainties can usually be eliminated in advance and you can enjoy yourself more if your notes include its identification number, mintage dates and how much you are prepared to pay for it.
5. School yourself on the relationship between availability and scarcity as they apply to what you collect. Just because a cataloger suggests a relatively low price for a foreign coin does not imply that you will be able to readily locate a specimen at any price. For example, despite considerable effort, the writer's want list shows a number of pieces priced at under \$3.00 each which have eluded him for years. When this happens to you — and chances are it will, sooner or later — do not become frustrated. After all, the challenge of hunting down elusive coins is where the fun begins!
6. Understand the dealer and what he/she sells. Many dealers in world coins will also specialize. Additionally, some dealers attempt to stock primarily those coins in a

specialize. Additionally, some dealers attempt to stock primarily those coins in a particular price range — low, moderate or high. It goes without saying that you will be more successful in finding what you want when you locate a dealer on your wavelength. Clearly state to dealers what you need, and at least roughly what you are prepared to pay. This may save both you and the dealer a lot of valuable time.

7. Determine whether dealers who specialize in other fields have world coins for sale, particularly at shows. Periodically they want to dispose of items acquired in collections which are not normally part of their inventories. These situations may provide the opportunity to buy foreign coins at advantageous prices.
8. Use extra care when buying on a sight-unseen basis. Special attention should be given to dates and identification numbers when purchasing from dealer lists and at mail-bid auctions. Take note of return privileges and other conditions of sale **before** you buy to avoid misunderstandings.
9. Get to know your field of interest by talking to other dealers and by becoming involved as much as possible with other collectors. Clubs and shows are excellent vehicles to expand your knowledge. Unlike North American numismatics, for example, many areas of foreign collecting have been adequately researched and depending on what you specialize in, you could become an authority on that subject, which is a worthy goal indeed.
10. When one approach to finding the coins you want has been unsuccessful, try another. Six sources for world coins are consistently available — dealers (on a direct basis), shows and conventions, mail order, auctions, producing mints, and your fellow collectors. If you have not had any luck in pursuing one or more of these avenues, it may be time to examine your options. Often this simple change will pay off.

Yours to Discover

Foreign coin collecting offers a world of pleasure unique to numismatics. Regardless of your budget, this aspect of the hobby is within your means, thanks to the tremendous variety of beautiful coins available from far-away places and mysterious kingdoms in every imaginable shape, size and price range. With 1992 almost upon us, why not let the spirit of discovery carry you around the world. Enjoy the trip!

MOVING?

*Help the Secretary keep your membership records current.
Send your change of address notice to:*

Robert "Bob" E. Douglas
58 Devonwood Avenue, SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

Hard Times Tokens: An Overview

Greg Lyon

The economy of the fledgling United States suffered many blows during the 1830s. Panics, depressions, numerous bank failures and the issuance of the *Specie Circular*, which provided that government land be purchased with only gold and silver coinage, caused a general uneasiness among Americans. To protect their wealth, many people cashed in their state banknotes and hoarded the specie then in circulation.

As almost all denominations of coinage were withdrawn from circulation by the general public, many merchants faced problems obtaining change for commercial transactions. This period of "Hard Times" led to the issuance of numerous tokens by merchants, political organizations and citizens to prevent the American economy from grinding to a halt. These pieces, issued by the thousands, make up a little known, history-filled area of numismatics known as "Hard Times Tokens."

Issued from 1825 to 1845, Hard Times Tokens were comprised of three main types — political (which featured propaganda or satirical viewpoints of the opposing parties), merchant (used as change and for advertisements) and patriotic (which attempted to imitate the large cent then in circulation). While most were issued in the Northeastern and Middle Atlantic regions of the country which were better equipped to produce them, specimens exist from states from the Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi River.

The political Hard Times Tokens were among the first political exnumia ever produced. Over two-thirds were issued by the Whig Party attacking the policies and platforms of Democrat Andrew Jackson, who was partly responsible for the Panics of the 1830s. The tokens played a major role in the Presidential campaigns of 1828 and 1832.

Many of the Whig pieces mock Jackson's own words, making fun of his "experimental" fiscal programs and his belief that he was within the rights of his office ("The Constitution as I Understand It"). This continued on with Jackson's successor, Martin Van Buren. In his inaugural speech, Van Buren said he was proud to "Follow in the Steps of (His) Illustrious Predecessor." That phrase haunted Van Buren throughout his administration.

An interesting group of political tokens are known as "Jackson Cents." These tokens are similar to the large cent except they feature Jackson's bust instead of Liberty's.

Patriotic Hard Times Tokens, with no advertising or political sayings, were issued by several groups. Their main purpose was to circulate as a replacement for the large cent. The obverse of these tokens were replicas of the large cent while the reverse differed only slightly. In an effort to imitate the large cent, "ONE CENT" remained in the center of the wreath and the outside legend was changed as to read "NOT ONE CENT" or "MILLIONS FOR DEFENCE NOT ONE CENT FOR TRIBUTE" (sic).

Most of the patriotic tokens were not issued until after the Panic of 1837. Production of these tokens was so large by the later part of that year, that the Treasury Department began to prosecute the manufacturers for counterfeiting U.S. coinage. William A. Scovill was the first and most well known manufacturer indicted. After the Whigs took control of the Presidency in 1842, charges were finally dropped in the long-delayed, politically motivated case.

Merchants benefited in three ways by producing Hard Times Tokens. First, they were assured of having a supply of "change" on hand to give to their customers. Businesses which were unable to obtain a supply suffered dramatic losses in sales and many ended up out of business.

Secondly, as the tokens circulated, a business would be advertised throughout the community. As a merchant's tokens gained acceptance, his stature and reputation grew, leading many a customer to his door.

Finally, if a businessman was lucky, he would be able to make a small profit on the tokens. The average price paid by the merchants for the tokens was 62 cents per 100. If he could circulate all of the pieces, he would be able to make a profit of more than 60%. Considering some tokens had mintages in excess of 30,000, it was possible to make over \$100 dollars by utilizing Hard Times Tokens instead of U.S. Coinage.

A large number of Hard Times Tokens issued by merchants came from dry goods dealers. Many were also issued by jewelers and dealers in metal (they probably benefited the most since they could usually produce the tokens at an even lower price). Merchant tokens are also among the least known. Many can be found mixed in with storecards issued from other periods. A good eye or one of the available reference works should allow you to spot many of these misidentified tokens.

The first major reference book on Hard Times Tokens was *Hard Times Tokens* by Lyman H. Low, published in 1899. This book has been reprinted several times and may still be available. In his first edition, he identified 183 tokens belonging to his period. 80% or 146 were thought to have been meant to circulate as money (due to their size and composition). Of those, 52% (76) were issued by merchants, 29% (42) were political in nature and 19% (28) were patriotic tokens.

During the Hard Times Period, most tokens were dated 1837. Several reasons for this are possible. Although the U.S. Mint produced almost twice as many large cents that year as the previous one, 1837 was the year the panics and depressions had their greatest impacts, causing even more hoarding than in the past. Another possible reason for the large number of 1837 tokens was that producers were afraid of being prosecuted for minting the tokens and dated their tokens 1837, although they were struck later. The last of the Hard Times Tokens were minted in the mid-1840s, but many remained in circulation until the small cent was issued in 1857.

While they may not be the most famous private currency of the United States, they were the first. Their success in general commerce paved the way for additional mintings of similar material in the economic "Hard Times" of the Civil War and, to a lesser degree, the Great Depression.

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Theology Through Coins?

Robert R. Kutcher

Theology and coins? Just what connection can there be between the two? Such will be the first thoughts of many who have not studied numismatics very closely. No one would ever question the great amount of historical, heraldic and geographical information that can be obtained from even the most rudimentary numismatic researches. But the idea of theological information, and more explicitly, of any definite religious teachings by means of coins may be rather much for even the more informed coin hobbist. And yet, ever since the first coins were struck, religion has played the major role in coin legends, mottos and designs.

The science of numismatics has abundantly shown that man is a very religious being. The coins from the ancient Greeks and Romans down through our modern monies prove that our religions are as inseparable from our money as it is from our daily lives. It is evident in mans best works of art, literature and monies that our religions are consecrated to what ever gods that may have been revered in these works.

The presence of the images of the divinities of the ancient Greeks and Romans on their national coinages is an important contemporary witness to the universal deeply religious character of these peoples. They were as intently religious as they were intellectual and their belief in their gods as the source of all their blessings was expressed in their frequent offerings and prayers, and in the inscriptions and images on their coins.



The story of Noah on a coin of Apamea, Phrygia

Ever since the time of the first Christian emperors of Rome, many of the symbols and teachings of Christianity have been more or less prominently exhibited upon the coins of those rulers who adopted that faith. It was in this manner that Christianity was helped to spread as the faith was made known to all whose hands these coins passed through. More than a hundred years prior to the first Christian emperor of Rome, Lucius Septimius Severus (193-211), issued a coin with Noah and his Ark displayed on its reverse. The word "NQE" is engraved on the side of the Ark, so there is no mistaking what this design represents, and too, there is a bird flying over head that symbolizes the raven sent out by Noah to find the dry land after the Deluge.

There is also another rather early reference to Christian teachings that is found on coins of Salonina, the wife of the Emperor Gallienus (253-268). Some of her coins contain in their inscriptions, "In Peace," a motto that is found very common in the Christian catacombs of Rome from that early time.

Purely Christian symbols began to appear with a greater frequency with the establishment of the Byzantine Empire in 330. Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor of Rome, built his "New Rome" on the site of the ancient city of Byzantium, a city which was founded on the Western tip of the Bosphorus between Europe and Asia Minor, six hundred and fifty-eight years before the birth of Christ. The new city was named Constantinople, literally the city of Constantine.

Modern numismatists however, begin the Byzantine Empire not with the founding of Constantinople, but with the coinage reform of the Emperor Anastius I (491-518). Byzantine Art, including the very definite style on the coinage, is often referred to as Early Christian Art. This style continued, more or less intact, for well over the eleven hundred years of the empire. From 726 to 843, the Iconoclastic Controversy removed the images of Christ and his mother Mary from all of the coins of Byzantium. However, the stylistic symbolism of Christianity remained.



Cashimir Gulab Singh. A.D. 1822/1857. AR Rupee. IHS in centre of the reverse.

Islamic coinages are much like the Iconoclastic coins of Byzantium, in that most of them have no human images, only graceful calligraphy. One curious series of these coins from Cashmere has the letters "IHS" with the usual Arabic script. These Latin style letters are of course, the abbreviation of the Greek form of the sacred name of Jesus. Just what this purely Christian symbol is doing on a purely Mohammedan coinage is told by more than one story, two of which might have a speck of truth.

The more recent story is about Thomas Edward Lawrence, or Lawrence of Arabia, who was once asked by the Maharajah of Cashmere, a true Moslem believer, to what the success and prosperity of England was due. Lawrence answered him that all the blessings of his homeland was due to its being a Christian nation that followed the teachings of Jesus Christ. The impressed Maharajah then asked for some small sign or symbol of this Christianity, where upon Lawrence wrote down the letters "IHS." The Majarajah subsequently had a large issue of silver Rupee and Half-Rupee coins struck (1907-1932), not all alike, but all bearing the letters as suggested by Lawrence. The Maharajah thinking that in this way he and his people could cash in on the successes of England by invoking the blessings of infidel England's God, too.



Third Silver Type. Persian legends and IHS obverse. Takari legends reverse. Weight reduced to 6.8 gr. (from ca. 10.3-10.8 gr.) Date in top line.

The older story is about Sir Henry Lawrence giving the "IHS" symbol to the Sikh ruler of Kashmir, a Dogra Raja, Gulab Singh (1822-1857), who used the symbol on his silver issue of Rupee coins in 1846, and for the same reasons as stated in the first version of the story. However, in this version, Sir Henry explained the letters as standing for JESUS HOMINUM SALVATOR (Jesus, the Saviour of men). In any case, the letters "IHS" or "JHS" do appear on the Rupee of 1846 and on the Rupee and Half-Rupee coins from 1907 through 1932.



Two cents of 1864, small motto.

What is missing from our monies is also at times a very religious statement and symbolism. Take for example the lack of any religious reference on the early coinage of the U.S. At first this was the intent to show the separation of the Church from the State, but during the Civil War, sentiment arose for a symbol of some sort to show the world our true preference for Christianity. Thus, "IN GOD WE TRUST" was added to the inscriptions of the new two cent bronze

coin that was issued in 1864. Soon all the U.S. coins carried that statement of faith.

When President Theodore Roosevelt ordered the omission of the motto from the new gold coins that were designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, there was an outcry by the leaders of both Church and State.

The motto was quickly added to new dies for those coins before very many had been struck, just to appease the citizens' outrage at its being left off. The very same was true in England, when the inscription "Dei Gratia" was left off a new type of silver florin that was struck for Queen Victoria. This inscription refers to the succession to the throne of Great Britain as being by the Grace of God. Thus, these coins are referred to as the "Godless Florins."

Now we have in this country a hue and cry from a very small group that would like to remove any and all religious mottoes from all of our monies, and this so soon after the work of having the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" added to all of our paper money as well as our coins. It seems to be something like that old saying about fooling people, but with a different word — You can **satisfy** all of the people some of the time, and you can **satisfy** some of the people all the time, but you can't **satisfy** all of the people all of the time. God Bless the fools!

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Littleton Coin Company to Offer Complete Line of U.S. Coin Albums



As many U.S. Coin collectors know, suitable albums in the popular bookshelf format have not been readily available for many of the older and scarcer U.S. coin series since the mid-1960s. However, there's now good news for date and mintmark collectors of 18th and 19th Century U.S. coins.

Littleton Coin Company, one of the nation's oldest and largest firms serving U.S. coin collectors, announced at the American Numismatic Association's 100th

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Kentucky State Numismatic Association, Inc. 31st Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Louisville Coin Club, Inc. Holiday Inn South/Airport 3317 Fern Valley Road at I-65 Louisville, KY 40213. Contact Chairman, P.O. Box 43744, Louisville, KY 40253-0744

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Iowa Numismatic Association, Adventureland Theatre. E.L. Victoria, Box 31, Des Moines, IA 50301.

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Minnesota Organization of Numismatists 29th Annual Coin Show. Airport Holiday Inn, 3 Appletree Square, (34th Avenue off I-494), Bloomington, MN. Dick Townsend, 507/288-0320.

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN — NOVEMBER 29-30, DECEMBER 1, 1991

Michigan State Numismatic Society Fall Convention hosted by the Monroe Coin Club and Polish American Numismatic Society. Hyatt Regency Hotel. Michigan State Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154

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MUNCIE, INDIANA — FEBRUARY 2, 1992

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club 35th Annual Show. Ball State University, L.A. Pittenger Student Center. Ray Saylor, P.O. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47303. Phone 313/288-0371.

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Racine Numismatic Society's 54th Annual Coin Show. Sheraton Racine Hotel and Conference Center, 7111 West Washington Avenue (Highway 20). Jerry Binsfield, Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. Phone 414/843-2321.

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN — MARCH 8, 1992

Kenosha Coin Club 34th Annual Coin Show. Kenosha Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue, Kenosha, WI. Jerry Binsfeld, Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. Phone 414/843-2321.

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN — MARCH 15, 1992

Waukesha Coin Club 23rd Annual Coin Show. Waukesha County Expo Grounds, Arena Building. Tom Snyder, 2028 N. 113th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. Phone 414/476-8128.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — MARCH 27-29, 1992

Greater Kansas City 4th Semi-Annual U.S. & World Coin and Paper Money Show, Holiday Inn, Kansas City International Airport, Intersection I-29 & I-435 East, Kansas City, MO. Walt Johnson, 7327 Reeds Road, Overland Park, KS 66204. Phone 913/432-4525.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — APRIL 3-5, 1992

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Mid America Coin Convention, MECCA Convention Center, 4th and Kilbourn. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Phone 414/282-2388.

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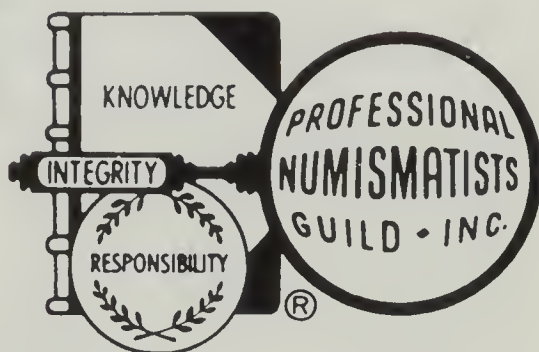
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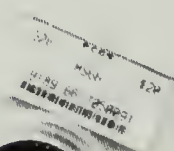
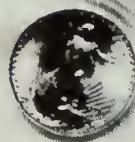
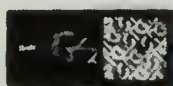
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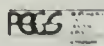
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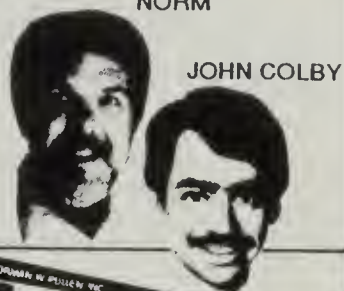
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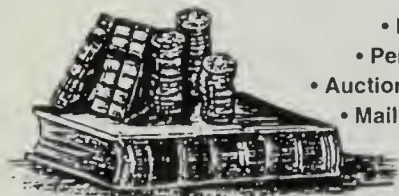
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